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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN GRAIN SITUATION FOR 1976/77

1. AGATT MET SAMU OF AGRIMPEX FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION
ON NOV. 5 TO DISCUSS LATEST GRAIN SITUATION IN HUNGARY.
FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR POINTS MADE BY SAMU.

2. SMALL GRAIN HARVEST OF 1976 WAS BETTER THAN EXPECTED
GIVEN THE UNFAVORABLE WEATHER DURING PAST SUMMER. WHEAT
CROP CAME TO 4.9 MILLION TONS AGAINST 4.0 MILLION IN 1975.
THIS CROP ALONE WOULD GIVE HUNGARY ABOUT 1 MILLION TON
EXPORT SURPLUS IF CORN CROP WAS AT LEAST AVERAGE. THIS
IS NOT THE CASE THIS YEAR.

3. CORN HARVEST IS SOME 2 TO 3 WEEKS BEHIND NORMAL
SCHEDULE AND AT PRESENT ONLY HALF WAY THROUGH. DUE TO
POOR WEATHER DURING ALMOST ENTIRE GROWING SEASON CORN CROP MAY
BE BEARLY 2 MILLION TONS BELOW RECORD 7.2 MILLION TONS
IN 1975. CURRENT ESTIMATES RUN AROUND 5.5 MILLION
TON CROP WHICH MEANS AN AVERAGE YIELD AROUND 42 QUINTALS PER
HECTARE, DOWN FROM 50 QUINTALS IN 1975.

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4. SINCE JULY 1976 HUNGARY SOLD ONLY SMALL QUANTITIES WHEAT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. DOUBTS WHEAT EXPORTS DURING SEASON WILL GO MUCH BEYOND QUANTITIES COMMITTED IN LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE RELATIVELY SMALL.

5. IN EXPECTATION OF POOR CORN CROP, HUNGARY RECENTLY BOUGHT 150,000 TONS CORN FROM ROMANIA AS AN INSURANCE FOR ADEQUATE CORN SUPPLIES FOR COMING SEASON. SAMU THOUGHT HUNGARY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EXPORT 1976 CORN FOR IT IS NEEDED TO ASSURE GROWING DEMAND BY HUNGARIAN PIG INDUSTRY. SAMU EMPHASIZED THESE VIEWS ARE ONLY TENTATIVE SINCE FINAL RESULTS CORN HARVEST NOT YET AT HAND.

6. COMMENTS. IT IS DOUBTFUL DURING THE COMING SEASON 1976/77 HUNGARY'S GRAIN EXPORTS WILL MATCH OR EVEN COME CLOSE TO 1.8 MILLION TONS STIPULATED IN STATE PLAN. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE COUNTRY'S LONG RANGE COMMITMENTS CALL FOR AN ANNUAL DELIVERY OF 200,000 TONS OF GRAIN TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SMALLER QUANTITIES TO EAST GERMANY AND SOVIET UNION. SINCE WHEAT IS ONLY GRAIN IN WHICH HUNGARY HAS SOME EXPORTABLE SURPLUSES, EXPORT SHIPMENTS WILL LIELY BE CONFINED TO WHEAT ONLY, PERHAPS UP TO 500,000 TONS.

7. THE IMPLICATION OF POOR CORN CROP IS THAT HUNGARY WILL BE DEPRIVED OF MORE THAN 1 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN EXPORT SALES DURING THE COMING YEAR. THIS MAY COST THE COUNTRY OVER \$100 MILLION DOLLARS IN HOPED FOR HARD CURRENCY EARNINGS.

8. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR SINCE 1972 THAT HUNGARY WAS FORCED TO IMPORT LARGER QUANTITIES OF CORN. BUCHANAN

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